MINUTES
2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
March 12, 2025 – 6:00 pm
Peter Clark Hall

2025 AGM – Summary of Resolutions

1.3.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the 2025 CSA AGM on March 12, 2025 be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

1.4.1 Approve the 2023 AGM Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the 2023 CSA Annual General Meeting held on November 22, 2023.

Motion Carried

1.5.1 Receive the 2021-2022 Audit Report

WHEREAS the audited statements were approved by the CSA Board of Directors at the Board Meeting on January 31, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED to receive the Audit Report for the year ended April 30, 2022, as presented in the March 12, 2025 CSA Annual General Meeting package, as information.

Motion Carried

1.5.2 Receive the 2022-2023 Audit Report

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Motion Carried

1.5.3 Appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for 2024-2025

MOTION: To appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for the CSA for the year 2024-2025.

Motion Carried

1.6.1(a) Amendments to Bylaw 1 – Organizational, Section 4.17 – Meeting Minutes

MOTION: to confirm the following amendment to Bylaw 1 – Organizational as presented in the 2025 CSA AGM Agenda Package, and as approved by the CSA Board of Directors on February 28, 2024:

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 1 – Organizational be amended to add the following to Section 4 (Board of Directors):

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Motion Carried

1.6.1(b) Amendments to Bylaw 1 – Organizational, Sections 4, 5, and 6

MOTION: to confirm the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 – Organizational as presented in the 2025 CSA AGM Agenda Package, and as approved by the CSA Board of Directors on April 10, 2024.

Motion Carried

1.6.1(c) Amendment to Bylaw 1 – Organizational, Section 5.2.3 – Term of Office (Executive)

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> 5.2.3 At all times, there shall be a minimum of three Executive Officers.
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> - If for any reason the CSA is left with less than three Executive Officers, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint Executive Officers. This shall include ensuring that one individual is the Corporate President, and one individual is the Corporate Secretary. The Executive Officer Appointment Process is outlined in Bylaw 2 Electoral, Section 2.3.
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> **Motion Carried**

1.6.1(d) Amendment to Bylaw 1 – Organizational, Section 4.7 – Director Qualifications

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> 4.7.2 Directors who are not CSA Members during the summer semester due to not paying a CSA fee or Co-Op work term fee will be permitted to maintain their seat on the Board of Directors permitting that they were a registered CSA Member in the prior Winter semester and will be a registered CSA Member in the following Fall semester. This provision applies to Directors elected in the Winter General Elections and Directors appointed by a College Government or Student Organization for the current academic year.
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> **Motion Carried**

1.6.2(a) Amendments to Bylaw 2 – Electoral, Section 2.3 – Executive Officer Appointment Process

MOTION: to confirm the amendments to **Bylaw 2 – Electoral** as presented in the 2025 CSA AGM Agenda Package, and as approved by the CSA Board of Directors on April 10, 2024:

> **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following section be added to Bylaw 2 (Electoral), as recommended forward by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee.
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> **2.3 Executive Officer Appointment Process**
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> As outlined in Bylaw 1 Organizational, Section 5.2.3, if for any reason the CSA is left with less than three Executive Officers, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint Executive Officers, using the following process.
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> - In collaboration with the President, the Policy & Transition Coordinator will ensure a call-out takes place on relevant platforms to advertise the Executive Officer Appointment Process.
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> - The CRO will provide all interested members with nomination forms to seek no less than 50 valid nomination signatures from CSA Members in Good Standing.
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Motion Carried

1.7 Receive Policy Amendments as Approved by the CSA Board of Directors

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b) Section 3.3.4 – Outreach and Engagement (April 10, 2024)

1.7.2 **Appendix B – CSA Services Policy**
No revisions to this policy since the previous AGM.

1.7.3 **Appendix C – Human Resources Policy**
a) Section 24 – Right to Disconnect From Work Policy (April 10, 2024)

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a) Section 14 – Statement Making Committee (February 28, 2024)
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a) Section 23.2 – Ballot Counting Process (April 3, 2024)
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1.7.8 **Appendix H – Second Floor Student Space Acceptable Use Policy**
No revisions to this policy since the previous AGM.

1.7.9 **Appendix I – Issues Policy**
No revisions to this policy since the previous AGM.

1.7.10 **Appendix J – Internal CSA Policy**
a) Section 12 – Social Media Policy (April 10, 2024)

Motion Carried

1.8 Receive Rules of Order Amendments as Approved by the CSA Board of Directors

MOTION to receive the following amendments to the CSA Rules of Order as approved by the CSA Board of Directors on the stated date, and as included in the 2025 AGM policy supplemental:

1.8.1 CSA Rules of Order
a) Section 7 – Political Statements (February 28, 2024)
b) Section 6 – In-Camera Policy and Procedures (April 10, 2024)
c) Section 3.13 – Suspending the Rules of Order (April 10, 2024)

Motion Carried

1.9.1 Executive Updates

MOTION: That the following Executive Updates be received as information:

a) President – Nate Broughton
b) VP Student Experience – Naomi Amayaevbo
c) VP Academic – William Coleman
d) VP External – Natalie Wilkinson

Motion Carried

1.9.2 Service Updates

MOTION that the following Service Updates be received as information:

a) The Bike Centre
b) CSA Clubs
c) Guelph Student FoodBank
d) SafeWalk
e) Student Help and Advocacy Centre (SHAC)

Motion Carried

1.10.1a Streamlining Bus Service Across Gordon Street

WHEREAS the buses 99N and 99S have become overloaded with students both morning and afternoon; and

WHEREAS the CSA/GSA Transit Committee has worked to creating the university bus lines which include the 59U Gordon Bus that runs North along Gordon Street between 8 to 11 AM and South between 4 to 7 PM;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Executive advocate for and investigate the feasibility of rescheduling 59U such that it operates between 8 AM to 7 PM;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Executive advocate for and investigate the feasibility of adjusting the 59U route so that it is no longer split between North and South in terms of morning and afternoon such that it runs cyclically along Gordon Street from Clairfields at Farley Eastbound and University Centre Platform 12B.

Motion Carried

1.10.1b Motion to Walk Out in Protest of Over-Enrolment and Unaffordability of Life for Students

WHEREAS the University has responded to budgetary concerns by increasing the number of undergraduate students enrolled, with 2024 enrollment representing a 52% increase in admissions from 2023 and 80% increase compared to 2021 (Enrolment Crisis Task Force, 2024);

WHEREAS the University has also responded to budgetary concerns by increasing tuition for international and out of province students by 5-7%, and by 7.5% for domestic students in some undergraduate programs (University of Guelph Finance Committee, 2024);

WHEREAS the increase in the undergraduate population has resulted in the waitlist for residence expanding from 1300 to 1500+ (Enrolment Crisis Task Force, 2024), the eviction of graduate students and families from 78 College Avenue to house first-years (CUPE 3913, 2024), and an increased demand for off campus housing leading to an increase in rent prices (Off-Campus Living, 2023);

WHEREAS high rent and high tuition contribute to a high cost of living, resulting in intersecting impacts on student health & well being and their academic well being (for example, according to the 2022 National College Health Assessment, there was a 40% on-campus food insecurity rate as students struggled to afford food);

WHEREAS graduate and international students bear the brunt of these impacts, with the majority of food bank users being international and graduate students (82% and 90% respectively, CSA Foodbank, 2025); and

WHEREAS the CSA has a history of protesting to demand changes that improve students' lives (for example, following an all-day 'study sit-in' staged by the CSA in the University Centre to draw attention to the lack of adequate study space on campus, the University responded by opening Peter Clark Hall for studying during the exam period and library increased the number of tables and chairs);

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA general membership receive the document titled Letter to the Student Body as information;

FURTHER that the CSA general membership receive the document titled Example Walkout Demands as information;

FURTHER that the CSA launch a campaign that aims to mobilizes the general student body in protest of recent decisions made by University administrators that impact the cost of living for students and our quality of education, considering tactics that increase public scrutiny;

FURTHER that the CSA investigate the feasibility of organizing a student walkout that aims to garner media attention;

FURTHER that the CSA collect signatures from the student body on a petition that includes a list of concrete and measurable demands to be finalized through consultations with other affected groups (e.g. graduate and international student representative bodies) and a link to a report describing impacts and recommendations in greater detail;

AND FURTHER that the petition is delivered to University of Guelph executive administrators.

Motion Carried

1.11 Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 12, 2025 at 8:21pm.

Motion Carried

Annual General Meeting Agenda – March 12, 2025

1.0	**Call to Order**	
1.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Naomi Amayaevbo, VP Student Experience	
1.2	**Welcome & Introductory Comments** 1.2.1 CSA Chair: Welcome, How to Participate in the AGM 1.2.2 Policy & Transition Coordinator: Importance of Quorum	
1.3	**Adoption of the Agenda** 1.3.1 Approve the Agenda 1.3.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
1.4	**Approval of Past Minutes** 1.4.1 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2023 1.4.2 Questions and Business Arising from the Minutes	
1.5	**Receive Auditor's Report** 1.5.1 Motion to Receive the Audit Report – 2021-2022 1.5.2 Motion to Receive the Audit Report – 2022-2023 1.5.3 Motion to Appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year	
1.6	**Confirmation of Amendments to CSA Bylaws** (Since the 2023 AGM) 1.6.1 **Bylaw 1 – Organizational** a) Section 4.17 – Meeting Minutes (February 28, 2024) b) Sections 4, 5, 6 – Executive and Director Responsibilities (April 10, 2024) c) Section 5.2.3 – Term of Office (Executive) (April 10, 2024) d) Section 4.7 – Director Qualifications (January 15, 2025) 1.6.2 **Bylaw 2 – Electoral** a) Section 2.3 – Executive Officer Appointment Process (April 10, 2024) 1.6.3 **Bylaw 3 – Financial** No revisions made to this bylaw since the previous AGM. 1.6.4 **Bylaw 4 – CSA Policy** No revisions made to this bylaw since the previous AGM.	
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1.10	**Business** 1.10.1 Submitted Motions a) Streamlining Bus Service Across Gordon Street b) Walk Out in Protest of Over-Enrolment and Unaffordability of Life for Students 1.10.2 Open Forum **Prize draws!**	
1.11	**Adjournment**	

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1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order after quorum was met with 100 CSA Undergraduate members in attendance as verified at 6:47 pm.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Naomi Amayaevbo, VP Student Experience, presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Before we begin, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the land on which we gather today. The Central Student Association operates on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron and Haudenosaunee. This land has long been a place of learning, trade, and community for Indigenous Peoples, and their stewardship continues to this day.

As an association that serves and supports all students at the University of Guelph, we recognize that our ability to learn, work, and build community here is made possible by the land itself and the Indigenous Peoples who have cared for it for generations. It is our responsibility, as a student body and as individuals, to actively engage in reconciliation—not just in words, but through action, learning, and advocacy.

For me, personally, as a Black individual and a racial minority in this country, I understand what it means to navigate spaces that were not originally built with me in mind. However, I also recognize that, while I have faced challenges, I am still a guest on this land—land that was never ceded, never given up, and remains the home of Indigenous Nations. Being here as a student is a privilege, and part of that privilege means acknowledging the histories, voices, and rights of Indigenous communities who continue to face systemic oppression and displacement. Land acknowledgements are not just statements; they are reminders that reconciliation is an active, ongoing process. As we move forward with tonight's meeting and the work of the CSA, may we commit to learning, supporting Indigenous sovereignty, and creating a future that respects and uplifts all marginalized communities.

1.2 Welcome and Introductory Comments

1.2.1 CSA Chair: Welcome, How to Participate in the AGM

The Chair welcomed the student body and guided them through the procedure of the meeting.

1.2.2 Policy & Transition Coordinator: Importance of Quorum

The PTC described that the AGM needs to maintain 100 undergraduate students for it to be conducted and asked students to leave through only the main entrance so quorum can be tracked.

1.3 Adoption of the Agenda

1.3.1 Approve the 2025 AGM Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the 2025 CSA AGM on March 12, 2025 be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ash Ames

Motion Carried

1.3.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts were declared at this meeting.

1.4 2023 AGM Minutes

1.4.1 Approve the 2023 AGM Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the 2023 CSA Annual General Meeting held on November 22, 2023.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ash Ames

Motion Carried

1.4.2 Questions and Business Arising from the Minutes

No questions or business arose from the Minutes.

1.5 Receive Auditor's Report

Lee Anne Clarke, CSA Business Manager, explained that the participating students will have to vote on motions to receive the audit report from 2021-2022 and the report from 2022-2023, as well as to appoint BDO Canada LLP as the CSA's Auditor for the current year. These motions are part of the audit process that has 5 requirements to be compliant with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act:

1. The CSA membership must appoint an Auditor at the AGM.
2. The CSA's management team must be fair when preparing financial summaries of the services provided to the students.
3. Releasement of the statements from the CSA office to the Auditor.
4. The Auditor will draft a report which will be received by the CSA's Finance Committee to be recommended to the Board of Directors where it must be approved.
5. The Auditor's report must be received by the CSA's membership at the next scheduled AGM.

The Business Manager then showed both reports that presented that the CSA had no misstatements and that everything was according to Canadian Accounting Principles. BDO Canada LLP stated that the CSA's accounting practices are sound, revenue and expenses are properly recorded in accordance with the Canadian Accounting Standards, and the statement of financial position indicates that the CSA can continue to meet its financial obligations.

She displayed the statement of financial position and described the amount of money the CSA has to ensure cash flow to the middle of October, which is the next time student fees are received. Importantly, for the CSA to be a going concern, there must be $940,000 dollars to ensure that financial requirements are met.

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

1.5.2 Receive the 2022-2023 Audit Report

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Aiden McCarthy

Motion Carried

1.5.3 Appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for 2024-2025

MOTION: To appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for the CSA for the year 2024-2025.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jake Levy

Amir Benkelai inquired as to why BDO Canda LLP was chosen as the CSA's Auditor. The Business Manager stated that the reappointment for BDO was inspired by the fact that the organization is pleased with their services and that they have been working together for over 30 years, meaning that BDO has a complete understanding of the CSA's terminology and innerworkings.

Motion Carried

1.6 Confirmation of Amendments to CSA Bylaws
(Since the previous 2023 AGM)

1.6.1 Bylaw 1 – Organizational

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> **Moved**: Ash Ames
> **Seconded**: Noel Johnston
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> **Motion Carried**

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Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Noel Johnston

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Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Amir Benkalai asked how the three executive specificities came to be. The President explained that the Executive Committee meeting quorum requirement is three members, and, at the board level, there either must be a president and a vice president present or all three vice presidents to meet quorum.

Motion Carried

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> **Moved:** Yael Lazebnik
> **Seconded:** Noel Johnston
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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adrian Webster

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c) Section 23.2 – Ballot Counting Process (April 3, 2024)
d) Section 14.2 – The Practice of Campaigning (January 15, 2025)

1.7.8 **Appendix H – Second Floor Student Space Acceptable Use Policy**
No revisions to this policy since the previous AGM.

1.7.9 **Appendix I – Issues Policy**
No revisions to this policy since the previous AGM.

1.7.10 **Appendix J – Internal CSA Policy**
b) Section 12 – Social Media Policy (April 10, 2024)

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ash Ames

Motion Carried

1.8 Receive Rules of Order Amendments as Approved by the CSA Board of Directors

MOTION to receive the following amendments to the CSA Rules of Order as approved by the CSA Board of Directors on the stated date, and as included in the 2025 AGM policy supplemental:

1.8.1 CSA Rules of Order

d) Section 7 – Political Statements (February 28, 2024)
e) Section 6 – In-Camera Policy and Procedures (April 10, 2024)
f) Section 3.13 – Suspending the Rules of Order (April 10, 2024)

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Yael Lazebnik

Motion Carried

1.9 Report of the Organization

1.9.1 Executive Updates

MOTION: That the following Executive Updates be received as information:

a) President – Nate Broughton
b) VP Student Experience – Naomi Amayaevbo
c) VP Academic – William Coleman
d) VP External – Natalie Wilkinson

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adrian Webster

Motion Carried

a) President – Nate Broughton

The President welcomed and appreciated everyone for coming. He began by recounting that his term began on October 9 and since then his focus has been on student advocacy and ensuring that student voices are run through administration.

Efforts have been put into different committees, such as the Student Budget Committee which presented to the University's Board of Governors' Finance Committee to talk about student priorities and recommendations for next year's budget. The intention was to figure out a way to support students and ensure that services that students find important are not cut. The Student Events and Initiatives Funding's budget was increased and the annual amount available per club was raised from $500 to $1,000 as a yearly limit. TheCannon.ca website, helpful to students for housing and textbooks, is being updated and a giveaway is on its way.

b) VP Student Experience – Naomi Amayaevbo

The VP Student Experience thanked everyone for coming. She started her term in October and attended the CFS RISE summit, which is a racialized and Indigenous Student Experience Summit that her to understand marginalized voices on campus.

She oversees the Sexy Bingo events that occur in Brass Taps which are great opportunities for students to have activities and education on sexual matters in a safe place. She also is responsible for the Stressbusters during exam seasons such as the one that happened recently at the library where the CSA gave out around 200 hot chocolates. The Menstrual Hygiene Initiative is another service she oversees, and VP Student Experience recently had a collaboration with Nixit where they gave away 150 menstrual hygiene products valued at $60-80 per package to students.

The VP Student Experience is a graduating student who is currently planning The Last Toast and The Last Dance and hopes other graduating students will sign up for the events.

Her biggest passion is representing marginalized voices. She is currently working with Hospitality to have events where foods from different cultures can be brought into the school.

c) VP Academic – William Coleman

The VP Academic thanked everyone for being here and stated that their term started in September. Their role primarily deals with different committees in the school and ensuring that student experience and learning are not affected by budget cuts.

As for projects and events, they had a very successful event in the Bullring called Art in the Bullring where students had the opportunity to show off their art. They have also been working to look at changes to official degrees and transcripts.

The VP Academic highlighted their priorities for next term including improving costs for digital extra course materials.

Amir Benkelai asked if there has been any effort to ensure that College of Arts programs don't face too many budget cuts. The VP Academic recognized that the College of Arts is one of the many colleges that have felt the impact of budget cuts. They stated that they are making sure that if there are any budget cuts it will have as little of an impact on students as possible.

d) VP External – Natalie Wilkinson

The VP External's term started on May 1, 2024, which has led her to her efforts in encouraging students to get back to the student union and the campus and recognizing the power of their voices.

Recently she worked on increasing the engagement for the Provincial elections. Guest Townhall speaker, Mike Shreiner, Guelph MPP, was invited to talk about funding for post-secondary education, bike lanes, Ontario's Disability Support Program, and more. Lloyd Longfield, Guelph MP, was another guest Townhall speaker invited to talk about student loans and Canada's place in the world.

She supervises the FoodBank and the Bike Centre and acts as the CSA Representative at the Canadian Federation of Students. She works on campaigns including TapIn! which recognizes water as a human right and advocates for changes to the school to reflect that, including increasing water fountains across campus.

Amir Benkelai asked for clarification on how she was working towards student engagement in the student union. She answered that talking at AGMs is a good first step, but also finding the CSA through social media, events and at our office.

1.9.2 Service Updates

MOTION that the following Service Updates be received as information:

f) The Bike Centre
g) CSA Clubs
h) Guelph Student FoodBank
i) SafeWalk
j) Student Help and Advocacy Centre (SHAC)

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adrian Webster

Motion Carried

a) The Bike Centre

Marco, the Bike Centre Coordinator, explained that the Bike Centre is a DIY repair shop for bikes where students can come to upkeep their bikes with the help of three knowledgeable staff. The Bike Centre is cash only for any new parts needed, while the service is free.

There will be a Bike Auction on March 25 with about 25 bikes being sold. March 25 is a preview day while March 27-29 is the auction via Instagram for bidding on the bikes. Costs should be anywhere from $50-150.

b) CSA Clubs

Paraj, the CSA Clubs Coordinator, shared that the CSA Clubs Office supports 160+ clubs. Clubs are a great way to get involved, meet new people, and discover passions. This year the Clubs Office brought in more than 4,000 people and 20 clubs were introduced this semester. They are responsible for Clubs Day which happens at the beginning of every semester with many clubs in attendance. The

Clubs Office oversees accreditation, reaccreditation, advertising of clubs through social media and events, and much more.

On March 24, Club Hub is happening at the lookout from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for club executives to socialize with each other and meet the Club's Office team.

c) Guelph Student FoodBank

Alitha, the FoodBank Coordinator, explained that the FoodBank is an emergency resource for undergraduate and graduate students that offers emergency food and anti-poverty resources. There have recently been many renovations and upgrades that allowed the organization to increase its capacity to 250 students. Currently, the FoodBank is an appointment-based system and does not take volunteers.

d) SafeWalk

Kennedy, the SafeWalk Coordinator, mentioned that SafeWalk is a student-run service that offers students safe and reliable escorts from 11:00 pm to 1:00 am from Monday to Friday. There are about 40 volunteers dedicated to making the campus safe. To contact this service a student can call the University of Guelph through the extension 53200, use the SafeGryphon App, the emergency poles, or approach volunteers in their yellow jackets.

Amir Benkelai inquired as to any plans for expansion to off-campus walks. SafeWalk is currently looking at a way to expand its service off campus. However, Gordon residence, which is off campus, can be walked to by volunteers upon request.

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao thanked SafeWalk for keeping students safe on campus and inquired about the shifts and interest in this service. Kennedy replied that 2 shifts run at night and 15 calls have been received this year, which is an increase from previous years.

e) Student Help and Advocacy Centre (SHAC)

Dani, the Student Help and Advocacy Centre Coordinator, highlighted that SHAC is a safe place on campus where students can come ask questions about issues relating to legal, academic human rights, financial, housing and tendency topics.

SHAC works with the Guelph Wellington Legal Clinic where students can drop in to their office hours on Monday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

SHAC runs informational events such as Pumpkin Painting and Rights storytelling, trivia, bracelet making, the Understanding Your Lease event, and the Housing Red Flags event.

As for cases, SHAC has received 130 cases so far this year with 20 during the summer, 58 over the fall, and 57 during this semester. Many have been about tendency and housing, legal cases, finance questions, employment, and human rights questions.

Yael Lazebnik asked for specific examples of situations where students can ask for help from SHAC. Examples would include being charged with academic misconduct, landlords committing questionable acts, and being fired from a job for certain reasons.

1.10 Business

1.10.1 Submitted Motions

1.10.1a Streamlining Bus Service Across Gordon Street

WHEREAS the buses 99N and 99S have become overloaded with students both morning and afternoon; and

WHEREAS the CSA/GSA Transit Committee has worked to creating the university bus lines which include the 59U Gordon Bus that runs North along Gordon Street between 8 to 11 AM and South between 4 to 7 PM;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Executive advocate for and investigate the feasibility of rescheduling 59U such that it operates between 8 AM to 7 PM;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Executive advocate for and investigate the feasibility of adjusting the 59U route so that it is no longer split between North and South in terms of morning and afternoon such that it runs cyclically along Gordon Street from Clairfields at Farley Eastbound and University Centre Platform 12B.

Moved: Amir Benkelai
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Amir Benkelai motivated that the 99N and 99S bus lines exceed capacity regularly, leading to various inconveniences. Extending the hours the 59U bus would provide extra coverage and would help balance out the number of people on the buses to mitigate the issue.

Motion Carried

1.10.1b Motion to Walk Out in Protest of Over-Enrolment and Unaffordability of Life for Students

WHEREAS the University has responded to budgetary concerns by increasing the number of undergraduate students enrolled, with 2024 enrollment representing a 52% increase in admissions from 2023 and 80% increase compared to 2021 (Enrolment Crisis Task Force, 2024);

WHEREAS the University has also responded to budgetary concerns by increasing tuition for international and out of province students by 5-7%, and by 7.5% for domestic students in some undergraduate programs (University of Guelph Finance Committee, 2024);

WHEREAS the increase in the undergraduate population has resulted in the waitlist for residence expanding from 1300 to 1500+ (Enrolment Crisis Task Force, 2024), the eviction of graduate students and families from 78 College Avenue to house first-years (CUPE 3913, 2024), and an increased demand for off campus housing leading to an increase in rent prices (Off-Campus Living, 2023);

WHEREAS high rent and high tuition contribute to a high cost of living, resulting in intersecting impacts on student health & well being and their academic well being (for example, according to the 2022 National College Health Assessment, there was a 40% on-campus food insecurity rate as students struggled to afford food);

WHEREAS graduate and international students bear the brunt of these impacts, with the majority of food bank users being international and graduate students (82% and 90% respectively, CSA Foodbank, 2025); and

WHEREAS the CSA has a history of protesting to demand changes that improve students' lives (for example, following an all-day 'study sit-in' staged by the CSA in the

University Centre to draw attention to the lack of adequate study space on campus, the University responded by opening Peter Clark Hall for studying during the exam period and library increased the number of tables and chairs);

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA general membership receive the document titled Letter to the Student Body as information;

FURTHER that the CSA general membership receive the document titled Example Walkout Demands as information;

FURTHER that the CSA launch a campaign that aims to mobilizes the general student body in protest of recent decisions made by University administrators that impact the cost of living for students and our quality of education, considering tactics that increase public scrutiny;

FURTHER that the CSA investigate the feasibility of organizing a student walkout that aims to garner media attention;

FURTHER that the CSA collect signatures from the student body on a petition that includes a list of concrete and measurable demands to be finalized through consultations with other affected groups (e.g. graduate and international student representative bodies) and a link to a report describing impacts and recommendations in greater detail;

AND FURTHER that the petition is delivered to University of Guelph executive administrators.

Moved: Haidi Wu
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Haidi Wu motivated that the proposed actions address life being expensive and difficult for students as the costs of provincial underfunding are falling onto students. She recognized that the power dynamic was unbalanced, with the administration being in a higher position than the students. However, she encouraged the thought that students should stand together in optic demonstrations, like a walkout, to gain power over the situation.

Vincent Tran asked how an optic demonstration like a walkout would reach out to all the province. Member Wu would demand the admin to advocate more for greater

funding at a provincial level. She stated that doing actions that garner attention may be the push needed for the province to see that students are struggling.

Yael Lazebnik wondered what measures would be taken to ensure there is sufficient participation for walkouts to be successful. Haidi Wu offered to circulate a survey asking if students would be able to join a walkout, if there is enough interest it can be done. The intention is to lay down a framework and choose actions based on what is strategic. A walkout is only one of the methods that the student body can protest with.

Ethan Warren wondered how feasible a walkout would be for the students who rely on the school's services. Haidi Wu clarified that the walkout would be a demonstration of walking out of classes or joining in solidarity, without the intention to disturb any of the services on campus.

Motion Carried

1.10.2 Open Forum

Amir Benkelai gave the future suggestion that the CSA should attempt a campus-wide survey to see why students are not involved in the elections. The President noted the suggestion down as something to consider.

Prizes Distribution

The slate of prizes as advertised were distributed to members in attendance via a random number generator.

1.11 Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 12, 2025 at 8:21 pm.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganaho

Motion Carried